Complaints received in this regard by the Government are sent to the concerned banks for remedial action.

According to the State Bank of India, New Delhi, no specific complaint about the time taken in issuing and cancellation of Demand Drafts at State Bank of India, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi Branch, has been received by it during January, 1989 to 30th March, 1989.

Setting up of a small industries development Bank of India

378. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Industries Development Bank of India to cater to the financial needs of the small scale sector and tiny industries has since been set up and started functioning; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government have decided to establish a Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to cater to the financial needs of small scale and tiny industries. Details relating to this are being worked out.

Influx of Iranians into India

379. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steady influx of Iranians into India *via* Pakistan recently as reported in the Hindustan Times of 9th April, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government have no reports to indicate any steady influx of Iranians into India recently *via* Pakistan.

Terrorist activities in Ganganagar, Rajasthan

380. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ganganagar district of Rajasthan is becoming a new centre of terrorist activities and other crimes as reported in the Hindustan Times of April 3, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government has seen the press reports in question. Rajasthan has a sprawling border with Pakistan. Government have already taken various measures to check the unlawful activities of the anti-social elements along the border including fencing of some border area. The position is being closely monitored and appropriate actions taken as the situation warranted.

Retrenchment of employees connected with census work of 1981 in Uttar Pradesh

381. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the employees connected with the 1981 census work who have since been retrenchment in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of employees out of them who had been working for about four years regularly; and

(c) what action has been taken to absorb them in service?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (*SHRI* BUTA SINGH): (a) The number of such employees was 5137.

(b) None of these employees had worked for about four years regularly.

(c) The required information is furnished in the statement.

Statement

All the retrenched employees recruited in connection with the 1981 decennial Census were employed on the clear understanding that their services were liable to be terminated immediately after the job for which they were engaged was over and that it was not possible to offer them any long-term alternative employment. Nevertheless, purely on humanitarian considerations, the following concessions/facilities were extended to them with a view to enable them to get employment elsewhere:—

(i) Relaxation in upper age limit to the extent of the period of service rendered by them in the Census organisations plus three years for recruitment to the post by direct recruitment otherwise than throukh open competitive examinations conducted by the UPSC etc.;

(ii) entitlement to priority III for alternative employment through the Employment Exchanges;

(iii) eligibility to appear in the examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission for recruitment to Group C posts till the end of 1983 even if they had crossed the maximum age-limit prescribed for recruitment to various posts, provided they were within the age-limit prescribed for examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission and Railway Service Commission at the time of their initial recruitment in the Census organisation and only if they were otherwise eligible to compete in these examinations on the basis of educational and other qualifications prescribed in the rules for recruitment to the post in question. This concession was further extended upto the end of 1985 in so far as the examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission were concerned.

2. In order to help the retrenched employees further, the Government of Uttar Pradesh were moved to give priority and special consideration to these employees in filling up posts under their administrative control. The Government of Uttar Pradesh have granted the following concessions to such retrenched employees as had rendered a minimum of one year continuous service before retrenchment on account of reduction in establishment:—

(i) Relaxation in upper age-limit for recruitment to Group C & D posts to the extent of the continuous service in the Census organisation plus three years. This concession is admissible to them upto 11.2.90.

(ii) The District Magistrates have been directed to accord special consideration to the retrenched Census employees while making recruitment through district level Selection Committees.

3. In addition to the foreging, the Directorate of Census Operations, Uttar Pradesh have taken the following further measures:—

(i) In the case of appointments by direct recruitment in the Directorate of Census Operations, Uttar Pradesh preference was being given to the above retrenched employees. 119 of these employees have been absorbed accordingly in the Directorate.

(ii) A list of the retrenched employees was furnished to all other Central Government offices with the request to give preference to them while making appointments in those offices.